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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 2318

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: SSN VISITS: NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO STRENGTHEN  
EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS

SUMMARY: STA RADIATION MONITORING PROBLEM REMAINS VEXING  
DESPITE EMBASSY AND FONOFF EFFORTS SO FAR EXPENDED. EMBASSY  
CONSIDERS THAT OUR FURTHER EFFORTS CAN BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE BY  
INCREASING EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE OF SSN OPERATIONS  
PERTINENT TO OUR SENSE OF URGENCY THAT SSN ACCESS TO JAPANESE  
PORTS BE RESTORED. ACTION REQUESTED: ARRANGEMENTS FOR TDY  
DETAIL OF AUTHORITATIVE NAVY EXPERT TO TOKYO FOR DISCUSSIONS  
WITH EMBASSY ASAP. END SUMMARY

1. BY SEPTELS, EMBASSY IS REPORTING CURRENT SITUATION STA  
RADIATION MONITORING DISARRAY AND OUR EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT GOJ  
PLACES ADEQUATE WEIGHT ON SECURITY SITUATION AS WELL AS ITS OWN  
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PAROCHIAL CONSIDERATIONS OF RESTORING STA CREDIBILITY. SO FAR,

HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE ONLY TO REITERATE GENERAL OBSERVATION THAT EFFECTIVE DENIAL OF JAPANESE PORTS TO SSN'S CREATES IMPORTANT SECURITY CONCERN FOR BOTH JAPAN AND US AND THAT RESOLUTION OF STA RADIATION MONITORING SYSTEM PROBLEM IS MATTER OF UTMOST URGENCY. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR ASSERTIONS WITH ANY CREDIBLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP GOJ OFFICIALS BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR SENSE OF URGENCY.

2. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY MAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF USG INTERESTS IN STA MONITORING MATTER, EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT NAVY MAKE AVAILABLE IN TOKYO QUALIFIED AND AUTHORITATIVE EXPERT TO FAMILIARIZE EMBASSY WITH GENERAL RPT GENERAL SORT OF OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS ARISING, AND POSSIBLY ARISING, FROM DENIAL OF ACCESS TO JAPANESE PORTS OVER PERIOD OF WEEKS OR MONTHS. ON BASIS SUCH ELEMENTS OF NAVY-EMBASSY CONVERSATIONS THAT CAN BE REVEALED TO GOJ, EMBASSY THEN CAN PLAN SUBSTANCE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO GOJ. FOR THIS APPROACH TO BE EFFECTIVE, EMBASSY NEEDS SERVICES OF EXPERT WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FULLY THAT NAVY IS RIGHTFULLY SENSITIVE ABOUT DISCLOSING DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OF SSN'S OR PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO LESSENING OF DETERRENT IMPACT OF SSN DEPLOYMENT. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER, THAT SUCH DETAILED OPERATIONAL INFORMATION WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR PURPOSES OF SUSTAINING OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO GOJ. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER, THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE PERSUASIVE EXPLANATIONS AND ILLUSTRATIONS TO GOJ OF DIFFICULTIES CAUSED FOR US BY CURRENT RADIATION MONITORING DISARRAY WITHOUT BREACHING SECURITY. AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF GOJ CAN BE TRUSTED WITH MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SECURITY OPERATIONS RELATING TO JAPAN THAN WE HAVE ENTRUSTED TO THEM SO FAR. IT SEEMS CLEARLY IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE BE PREPARED TO SHARE WITH GOJ THE KIND OF ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CONCERNING OUR SSN'S THAT REASONABLY CAN BE EXPECTED TO CAUSE GOJ OFFICIALS TO BE MORE SYMPATHETIC WITH OUR CONCERNS FOR URGENCY IN SOLVING STA PROBLEM.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TDY  
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DETAIL ASAP OF NAVY EXPERT TO TOKYO FOR PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN FOUR DAYS TO ASSIST US IN PREPARATION OF FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO GOJ.  
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